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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MRS. GANDHI'S JUNE 26 BROADCAST

TO THE NATION ANNOUNCING THE EMERGENCY.

BEGIN QUOTE. THE PRESIDENT HAS PROCLAIMED EMERGENCY.
THIS IS NOTHING TO PANIC ABOUT.

I AM SURE YOU ARE ALL CONSCIOUS OF THE DEEP AND WIDESPREAD CONSPIRACY WHICH HAS BEEN BREWING EVER SINCE I BEGAN TO INTRODUCE CERTAIN PROGRESSIVE MEASURES OF BENEFIT TO THE COMMON MAN AND WOMAN OF INDIA. IN THE NAME OF DEMOCRACY IT HAS BEEN SOUGHT TO NEGATE THE VERY FUNCTIONING OF DEMOCRACY. DULY ELECTED GOVERNMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN ALLOWED TO FUNCTION AND IN SOME CASES FORCE HAS BEEN USED TO COMPEL MEMBERS TO RESIGN IN ORDER TO DISSOLVE LAWFULLY ELECTED ASSEMBLIES. AGITATIONS HAVE SURCHARGED THE ATMOSPHERE, LEADING TO VIOLENT INCIDENTS. THE WHOLE COUNTRY WAS SHOCKED AT THE BRUTAL MURDER OF MY CABINET COLLEAGUE MR. L.N. MISHRA. WE ALSO DEEPLY DEPLORE THE DASTARDLY ATTACK ON THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA. CERTAIN PERSONS HAVE GONE TO THE LENGTH OF INCITING OUR ARMED FORCES TO MUTINY AND OUR POLICE TO REBEL. THE FACT THAT OUR DEFENCE FORCES AND THE POLICE ARE DISCIPLINED AND DEEPLY PATRIOTIC AND THEREFORE WILL NOT BE TAKEN IN, DOES NOT MITIGATE THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE PROVOCATION.

THE FORCES OF DISINTEGRATION ARE IN FULL PLAY AND COMMUNAL PASSIONS ARE BEING AROUSED, THREATENING OUR UNITY. ALL MANNER OF FALSE ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN HARLED AT ME. THE INDIAN PEOPLE HAVE KNOWN ME SINCE MY CHILDHOOD. ALL MY LIFE HAS BEEN IN THE SERVICE OF OUR PEOPLE. THIS IS NOT A PERSONAL MATTER. IT IS NOT IMPORTANT WHETHER I REMAIN PRIME MINISTER OR NOT. HOWEVER, THE INSTITUTION OF THE PRIME MINISTER IS IMPORTANT AND THE DELIBERATE POLITICAL ATTEMPT TO DENIGRATE IT IS NOT IN THE INTEREST OF DEMOCRACY OR OF THE NATION.

WE HAVE WATCHED THESE DEVELOPMENTS WITH UTMOST PATIENCE FOR LONG. NOW WE LEARN OF NEW PROGRAMMES CHALLENGING LAW AND ORDER THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY WITH A VIEW TO DISRUPT NORMAL FUNCTIONING. HOW CAN ANY GOVERNMENT WORTH THE NAME STAND BY AND ALLOW THE COUNTRY'S STABILITY
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TO BE IMPERILLED? THE ACTIONS OF A FEW ARE ENDANGERING THE RIGHTS OF THE VAST MAJORITY. ANY SITUATION WHICH WEAKENS THE CAPACITY OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO ACT DECISIVELY INSIDE THE COUNTRY, IS BOUND TO ENCOURAGE DANGERS FROM OUTSIDE. IT IS OUR PARAMOUNT DUTY TO SAFEGUARD UNITY AND STABILITY. THE NATION'S INTEGRITY DEMANDS FIRM ACTION.

THE THREAT TO INTERNAL STABILITY ALSO EFFECTS PRODUCTION

AND PROSPECTS OF ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT. IN THE LAST FEW
MONTHS THE DETERMINED ACTION WE HAVE TAKEN HAS SUCCEEDED
IN LARGEY CHECKING THE PRICE RISE. WE HAVE BEEN
ACTIVELY CONSIDERING FURTHER MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN THE ECONOMY
AND TO RELIEVE THE HARSHSHIP OF VARIOUS SECTIONS PARTICULARLY
THE POOR AND VULNERABLE AND THOSE WITH FIXED INCOMES. I SHALL
ANNOUNCE THESE SOON.

I SHOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE NEW EMERGENCY
PROCLAMATION WILL IN NO WAY AFFECT THE RIGHTS OF LAW ABIDING
CITIZENS. I AM SURE THAT INTERNAL CONDITIONS WILL
SPEEDILY IMPROVE TO ENABLE US TO DISPENSE WITH THIS
PROCLAMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

I HAVE BEEN OVERWHELMED BY THE MESSAGES OF GOODWILL
FROM ALL PARTS OF INDIA AND ALL SECTIONS OF THE PEOPLE.

MAY I APPEAL FOR YOUR CONTINUED COOPERATION AND TRUST
IN THE DAYS AHEAD. END QUOTE.SCHNEIDER

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